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For: A Process and Apparatus for
Embossing Precise Microstructures and
Embossing Tool for Making Same

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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It is respectfully submitted that the present application is patentable over these references, whether taken singly or in combination. Applicants are submitting these references for consideration by the Examiner and for purposes of entering these citations in the official file in order to comply with their duty of candor.

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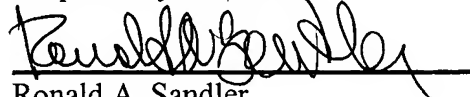


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Respectfully submitted,

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	3 9 0 1 6 3 9	8/26/75	Mandelson et al.			
	4 3 3 2 8 4 7	6/1/82	William P. Rowland			
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	4 4 7 8 7 6 9	10/23/84	Pricone et al.			
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	5 2 1 1 8 9 9	5/18/93	Atsushi Fujii			
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